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✎ **Mission**

To close the digital divide by helping to bridge the gap between our black families and technology

✎ **Black Family Technology Awareness Week**

✎ **KUAW-FM Low Power Community Radio 98.5**

✎ **VEX & Lego Robotics Program**

✎ **STEM & Robotics Summer Camp**

✎ **Founding Members**

Black Data Processing Associates - Kansas City Chapter

Community NETwork - African American Telecommunications Professionals of SBC

Holy Spirit Healing Ministries

W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center

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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The Black Family Technology Awareness Association is committed to empowering and equipping the African American community with the resources needed to become actively involved in the technology revolution. We understand that competitive jobs require technology skills, and those who lack access to the latest innovations are severely hampered in the job market.

We have worked closely with Time Warner Cable in Kansas City and appreciate the company's commitment to diversity. Therefore we are pleased to hear that New Charter plans to retain and expand upon many of these terrific initiatives.

New Charter will prioritize diversity and inclusion throughout its hiring and employee development, supply chain purchasing and cable programming. For example, the company will encourage greater diversity within its workforce by partnering with organizations like the National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications. New Charter will also offer free information sessions to minority-owned businesses interested in joining the cable broadband supply chain, which I think is a great idea.

We look forward to working with New Charter, and believe the company will provide high-quality products and serve as a great partner in the push for more diversity in the telecommunications industry. Please consider the company's impact on diversity and inclusion and approve the merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

Sincerely,

Lewis George Walker
President, Black Family Technology Awareness Association